

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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An apparatus (10) for helping to protect a vehicle occupant includes an actuatable vehicle occupant protection device (12), and a microelectromechanical (MEMS) device (20) energizable to cause actuation of the protection device. In one embodiment, the MEMS device (20) is an energizable fluid source for emitting a primary fluid for actuating an inflatable protection device (12). The apparatus (10) may include a plurality of MEMS devices (20) individually actuatable to control inflation of the protection device.

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